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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jeffrey W. Baxter, et al.

Application No. 10/718,272

Filed: 11/18/2003

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MINIMALLY
INVASIVE SURGERY USING ROTATIONAL
CUTTING TOOL

Examiner: Johnson III, Henry M.

Art Unit 3739

Confirmation No. 9995

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.